GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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STRENGTHENING OF POLICE FORCE
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to provide armoured vehicles, night vision equipments and bullet proof jackets to all naxal affected States to strengthen their police forces;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some States have requested for the same;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has taken any step to address the issues responsible for spread of naxalism; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a)to(d): Under the Scheme for Modernization of State Police Forces, assistance is given to the States, especially the naxal affected States, for various security equipment including night vision devices, bullet proof jackets, bullet proof morchas, bullet proof patkas, body protectors, bullet proof helmets, bullet proof vehicles, mine protected vehicles etc. in terms of the projections made by the States in their annual plans. In the plans of 2005-06 also projection for such items has been made by the naxal affected States, the States in the North East and Jammu and Kashmir etc.

(e)&(f): The Central Government has adopted a multi-pronged strategy to tackle the problem of naxalism covering both developmental as well as security related issues. These include (a) focussed attention on integrated development of the affected / backward areas under Schemes such as Backward District Initiatives (BDI) (b) programmes of poverty alleviation and removal of regional imbalances, (c) removal of social-cultural alienation of people, gearing up public grievances redressal system and creation of Local Resistance Groups and (d) strengthening of the state police, long term deployment of Para Military Forces, intensified intelligence based and well-coordinated anti-naxalite operations etc.